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CHAPTER II

Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class: 24
Subclass: 400

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER
TO THE UNITED STATES ELECTED OFFICE (EO/US)
(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)**

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| International Application Number | International Filing Date | International Earliest Priority Date |

TITLE OF INVENTION: CLOSURE DEVICE

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ATTENTION: EO/US**

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

| CLAIMS FEE* | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
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| BASIC FEE | TOTAL CLAIMS | 77 - 20 = | 57 | x \$18.00 = | \$1,026.00 |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 4 - 3 = | 1 | x \$84.00 = | \$84.00 |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$270.00 | | | | \$0.00 |
| | U.S. PTO WAS INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where an International preliminary examination fee as set forth in Section 1.482 has been paid on the international application to the U.S. PTO: and the above requirements are not met (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(1)) \$690.00 | | | | \$740.00 |
| | Total of above Calculations | | | | = \$1,850.00 |
| SMALL ENTITY | Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed. (note 37 CFR Sections 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | | | | - \$0.00 |
| | Subtotal | | | | \$1,850.00 |
| | Total National Fee | | | | \$1,850.00 |
| | Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET". | | | | \$40.00 |
| TOTAL | Total Fees enclosed | | | | \$1,890.00 |

Please charge Account No. 03-2270 in the amount of \$1,890.00.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is enclosed. The application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.

5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) have not been transmitted. Applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.

Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): 21 October 1999.

6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) has not been transmitted for reasons indicated in section 5.

7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) is not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report is/are not required as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.

9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is not required as the annexes are in the English language.

10. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration is attached to the application.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith.

Also transmitted herewith is/are Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) and copies of citations listed, along with a copy of the International Search Report..

12. An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording.

13. Additional documents:

a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)

14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

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